

Friday - 2 November 1951

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1. In accordance with his previous telephone call, Mr. Vetchery, Chief Investigator of the House Appropriations Committee, talked with [] of the Services Division regarding utilizing [] services for a few months to carry out a Committee investigation of the Voice of America. On 1 November I talked to Mr. Harvey, Chief, Clerk of the House Committee on Appropriations, and indicated that it would be preferable for us not to lose [] services due to the pressure of work and the difficulty in which we might find ourselves were a CIA employee to be engaged in investigating a Department of State activity. As a result, Mr. Vetchery informed [] this morning that he would drop the request.

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2. I inquired of Mr. Belen, of the staff of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, whether he felt that CIA was entitled to pay its employees the retroactive pay raise. Mr. Belen pointed out that the Committee had not intended to make the retroactive pay raise apply to those exempted from the Classification Act of 1949 because many of these groups could set their own wage scales and might already have made adjustments for the cost-of-living rise. He indicated that each such Agency would have to stand on its own statute and that it appeared that CIA had ample statutory authority to grant the retroactive pay raise.